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Rule of the Term:
Be Respectful.

Thought for the Week:
He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery.

Across the Principal’s Desk …

Legendary Eisteddfod Effort

Brassall’s Performing Arts program continues to shine with our Choirs well represented this week at the Ipswich District Eisteddfod. Our students performed exceptionally well within their respective sectors and achieved some tremendous results:

- Glee Performers - 1st Place.
- Senior Singing Choir - Highly Commended.

I would like to make a special acknowledgement of Music Specialist Mrs Natasha Raddie who goes the extra mile for our students with great enthusiasm and high quality instruction. A big thanks also to our Performing Arts parents who assist throughout a very busy Eisteddfod period, making sure our students look ‘smart and professional’ on the day!

I’m looking forward to sharing with you news of our Junior Choir who perform tomorrow.

Have you been to the Learning Place?

Queensland state school students can access engaging online games and resources from home to reinforce and extend classroom lessons by logging onto the Learning Place, the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s secure eLearning environment. Parents can work with their children to consolidate knowledge, extend their children’s understanding of concepts and simply spend time completing fun, interactive activities with their children.

From home, students simply go to the Learning Place website or alternatively type ‘Learning Place’ in a search, find on the site, students click on the link ‘Student’s Space’ located in the box on the right hand side of the page. Students will then need to enter their departmental network logon and password. This is the same logon and password that students use to log onto the computers in their classrooms. Their logon is usually the first letter of the first name, followed by the first four letters of their surname, followed by a number. If a student does not know their logon and password, their classroom teacher will be able to provide them with this information.

Once logged on, students are taken to the spaces relevant for their year level e.g. Prep to Year 3 students will be taken to the ‘Early Phase’ space. Students can view a wide range of learning resources sourced by the department, as well as those specifically chosen by their classroom teacher. Teachers can provide students with Learning Pathways to support their learning needs.

Students and parents can search for learning resources which can be sorted by age/grade, subject or resource type (learning object, interactive resource, virtual book, assessment, image, website, moving image, video/animation, Webquest, sound/audio, text, article etc.).

Primary-aged students tend to find learning objects and interactive resources to be the most enjoyable and engaging while secondary students are more likely to use the non-fiction resources such as images, text, video, websites and sound files.

On the new Brassall SS website, you will find the Learning Place icon in the Quicklinks section on our Homepage - just one click, and you’re there!

Being a Learner - NAPLAN Done and Dusted at Brassall

The media has devoted considerable space to NAPLAN related stories across Queensland last week. While NAPLAN is simply a “point-in-time” test and in no way measures the totality of a well rounded education, it does provide us with a very useful “snapshot” of student performance in aspects and Literacy and Numeracy.

It is with great appreciation that I commend the teachers and support staff of Brassall for preparing our students for last week’s National Testing for Years 3, 5 and 7 students. Our teachers worked diligently since the beginning of 2014 focussed on Reading and Reading Comprehension, and our students certainly worked hard to ‘be the best that they can be’ throughout this period also. Well done to everyone involved!

School Uniform Notice

With the arrival of cooler weather recently, I have noticed a small number of our students are not wearing the appropriate school uniform, especially in relation to ‘jumpers’. Our school jumper is reasonably priced ($20) and costs much less than the type of jumpers I have noticed some students wearing (e.g. ‘Surf’ or ‘Skate’ apparel). Our school colours are Royal Blue and Maroon, therefore the clothing children wear to school needs to reflect this. Brassall State School is a ‘uniform school’ and it is expected that all students will wear the correct school uniform. I take this matter seriously because we wish the school to reflect the high standards that you have set and rightly expect of us.

 Mothers’ Day Thanks to our Brassall’s Volunteer Mums!

On behalf of our students and Brassall community my sincere thanks to those dedicated Brassall Mums who organised the fantastic Mothers’ Day Stall recently. The stall was a great hit with the children and went a long way to relieving a ‘Stressful Saturday’ for many Dads out there!

A massive thanks to Jo Baker, Kylie Grainger, Fiona Bentley, Sandy Eaton, and to some welcome some new Mums to the band of merry helpers this year - Amanda Neundorf, Emmilee Myles, Leesa Osmond and Melanie Davies.

Project U2B - Being Super Learners

For 9 weeks students from Year 5 participated in an online learning program called Project U2B. The project provided students with the opportunity to deeply engage in Mathematical problem solving through a targeted learning program that improves strategic ‘know-how’.

Our Focus: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential
Our Vision: An Excellent School Where Students Achieve Their Potential

The students involved in the project were: Samuel L, Regan B (not pictured), Courtney D B, Katie G, Ace L, Kane M-S, Ezrah R, Luke S, Jack S, Amber T-K and Khan T. The students are to be congratulated for their focused commitment to learning. Well done!

Greg Brand,
Principal

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)
Focus lessons for this week:
Week 6: Be Responsible at the Buzz On In Café - speak clearly and use polite words, order before school, spend only own money, know what you want before being served.
Week 7: Be Responsible - Use the music cue to be in line, quietly waiting for your teacher.

Our New “Welcome To Brassall Buzz Zone” Signs
By now, everyone would have noticed our great new signs at the entrances to our school. These signs welcome everybody to our school and also display our expectations for all who enter. The weekly focus lesson titles that are sent home in the Brassall Buzz all fall into our 4 Expectations - Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be A Learner.

Please continue to talk with your children about these expectations, discuss with them if a Reflection letter is sent home and celebrate with them when they complete each Buzz card and in particular, each series of 5 Buzz cards.

Buzz’s Designated Parent Waiting Area:
Please note where these signs are located and wait within these areas for your child(ren) in the afternoon. These will be placed in areas so as to least disrupt your child’s learning. Your child is Being A Learner until that final home bell rings - every minute counts.

Every Minute Counts at Brassall:
A number of these laminated signs have been placed on noticeboards around the school. Please read them as they are very important for the education of your child - every minute does count.

Rayne Penny,
Deputy Principal

Performing Arts News!!
Heats for the Brassall’s Got Talent will begin in Week 7 - Final entries need be in to the Business Office by Friday May 30.
A note will be given to participants about their performance date/venue. The finals will be held at the school fete on SATURDAY 16 AUGUST. We have some surprise “celebrity” judges!!

School Sport
Fixtures – Friday 23 May
Rugby League – Norths #2
Jnr v Central at 12:45pm
Snr v Central at 1:30pm
Soccer
Girls v Hatton Vale at Rangers RU, Woodend #1
Boys v St Josephs @ Sutton Park #2
Netball
Snr C v Walllco on Court 12 @ 12:45pm
Snr D v Walllco on Court 20 @ 12:45pm
Jnr D1 v Ips Nth on Court 12 @ 1:35pm
Jnr D3 v St Josephs on Court 24 @ 12:45pm

Fixtures – Friday 30 May
Rugby League – Norths #3
Jnr v Karalee at 12:45pm
Snr v Hatton Vale at 1:30pm
Soccer
Girls v Ips West @ Ips West SS
Boys v Amberley @ Stallard Pk, Yamanto
Netball
Snr C v St Brigids on Court 7 @ 12:45pm
Snr D v St Josephs on Court 18 @ 12:45pm
Jnr D1 v Fernvale on Court 14 @ 1:35pm
Jnr D3 v Hatton Vale on Court 22 @ 12:45pm

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The Ipswich State High School
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